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COUNTRY East Germany REPORT

TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 9 June 1954 25X1REFERENCE 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 29 April and 5 May 1954, the possibilities of observation at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield were limited. Only on 5 May, was air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s observed. About 3 p.m., on this date a MiG-15 took off and landed after about 8 minutes. About 4 p.m., a formation of 4 aircraft took off. The landing of this formation was not observed. Some MiG-15s were still parked near the flight control station.¹
2. On 4 and 5 May, an individual radio mast was observed, located about 150 meters east of a PKV-45 DF station in the northeastern corner of the field. A multi-core cable extended from the mast to another radio mast north of the fence around the field near Perterborn; it was supported by auxiliary masts. Another PKV-45 DF station was observed at the eastern edge of the field, about 100 meters west of the fence. A radio installation with 6 masts was located in the southeastern corner of the landing field. In the middle of the installation was a radio truck with a mast which had about the same height as the other masts around. Lines extended from the roof of the radio truck to the masts arranged around it. Another radio truck was observed west of the flight control station.²
3. On 5 May, 4 AA guns, estimated at 37-mm, were seen in the AA gun emplacement on the southern edge of the field. Between the guns was a range finder with a base line of about 1.5 meters. Gun shields were observed on the protective walls and Morse signals were heard from the emplacement. Source noticed that piles of barked logs, about 5 meters long, were stored in the AA gun emplacement.³
4. About 20 to 25 workers were engaged in stripping work on ruins along Erfurt-Bindersleben road. This area was marked by a signboard bearing the inscription "VEB Bergungsgesellschaft Berlin" (nationalized salvage firm). 25X1

1. Comment. Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield is still occupied only by 1 alert flight of MiG-15s which is believed to be assigned to Merseburg fighter division. 25X1

2. Comment. The presence of two PKV-45 DF stations had already been observed on 12 April 1954. . The radio installation with 6 masts which was also observed at the end of March has not yet been identified.

3. Comment. The AA gun emplacement on the southern edge of the field has repeatedly been reported. The reported dimension of the base of the range finder is believed to be correct.

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